cushioning material which has a thickness of more than one inch. unless they contain padding or stuffing."

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 1992.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 5th day of June, 1991.

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CHAPTER 224

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN DESIGNATED STATE PUBLICATIONS BE PRINTED ON ALKALINE PAPER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 1A of Chapter 125 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

" § 125-11.13. Alkaline paper required for government publications.

(a) State publications that are of historical or enduring value and importance to the citizens of North Carolina shall be printed on alkaline (acid-free) paper. These publications shall be designated on an annual basis by the State Librarian and the University Librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and shall include publications of an historical, biographical, legal, or statistical nature relating to the State of North Carolina, past, present, or future. These publications shall identify thereon, adjacent to the name of the agency responsible for publication, a statement that the publication is printed on permanent paper.

(b) By November 1 of each year, the State Librarian and the University Librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill shall designate the titles for publication on alkaline paper and shall notify each State agency that is responsible for the publication of a designated title. An agency so notified shall begin printing the designated title on alkaline paper within one year after receipt of the notification or at the awarding of the contract for the publication, whichever event occurs first. The Coordinator of the North Carolina State Publications Clearinghouse shall monitor compliance with this requirement and shall transmit a copy of the compliance report to the State Librarian and to the University Librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill by October 1 of each year.

(c) The State Librarian and the University Librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill shall report by November l of each year to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations regarding the titles designated for printing on alkaline paper and shall include in the report the compliance report received from the Coordinator of the North Carolina State Publications

Clearinghouse."